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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 745  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the soldiers of the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division on the celebration of their 2000 Reunion and to welcome them to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to recognize those outstanding citizens who have risked their lives through military service during times of war, so that we Americans and the world as a whole might enjoy the many bounties of peace and democracy; and

WHEREAS, from August 31-September 4, 2000, the brave soldiers of the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division will celebrate their annual reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the occasion will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 1942, at Fort Benning, Georgia this most acclaimed 10th Armored "Tiger" Division was activated; the division had combat strength of 18,000 troops, and total membership of 37,000 during the war years; and

WHEREAS, after participating in maneuvers, readying equipment and members for combat, and transferring from Camp Gordon in Georgia to Camp Shanks in New York, the 10th

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Armored Division entered combat near Mars La Tour, France on November 2, 1944; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this most skilled division were invaluable to the war effort; in the course of their meritorious service during World War II, the 10th Armored Division captured 56,000 German troops, including Field Marshal Wilhelm List, liberated the Memmingen Prisoner of War Camp, saved Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, and prevented the Germans from capturing Luxembourg; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers bravely captured 650 German towns and cities as well as Metz Fortress, which had never been captured before in 1,500 years of military history; they were the first American division to enter Germany, capturing the historic city of Trier, the first American division to enter Austria, and the first American division to land directly on French soil; and

WHEREAS, constantly pressing forward throughout the war, the 10th Armored Division had moved deeply into Southern Bavaria on VE Day and performed occupational duties there until September 22, 1945; the Tigers sailed on October 2, 1945 for the United States, landing in Newport News, Virginia, and were inactivated at Fort Patrick Henry on October 15, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding bravery and meritorious service of this remarkable division has been highly praised and honored; they received 30 Battle Honors, Citations and Awards, and the Distinguished Unit Citation for their stand at Bastogne, and collectively received 3,086 medals for a total of 7,117 decorations and awards; and

WHEREAS, the 10th Armored Division flourished under the astute leadership and guiding hands of their Commanding Generals during World War II: Major General Paul W. Newgarden, Major General Wm. H. H. Morris, Jr., and Major General Fay B. Prickett; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division have persevered and prospered during the post-war years and are valuable, contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers have worked hard in their chosen professions and have raised their families to do likewise, while always showing respect for their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, as the celebration of the 2000 Reunion of the 10th Armored Division approaches, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to

recognize these valiant soldiers and welcome them to the great state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the members of the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division on the celebration of their 2000 Reunion, welcome them to Tennessee, and extend to each member our best wishes for good health and many happy returns. We thank these brave soldiers for the invaluable service they rendered to their country in its time of greatest need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.